

Effects of John Brown's Raid

Analyzing Information Remind the class that John Brown led a raid on a U.S. arsenal, planning to use the guns to arm a slave revolt. However, he was unable to find slaves who were willing to run away and join his revolt. Brown and his followers were captured, tried, and sentenced to hang. Guide the class in a point-by-point discussion of this graphic organizer. Then have each student write an editorial about the effects of John Brown's raid.

English-Language Learners Make sure that students understand what John Brown was trying to do with his raid. Then go over the graphic organizer with students. Have each student draw a cartoon illustrating John Brown's raid and the effects it had.

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- Aroused widespread support for Brown in the North
- Increased southern fears that abolitionists would inspire slave revolts
- United white southerners in support of the South
- Probably speeded the coming of the Civil War

